Update of HEC-9, Debris Control Structures

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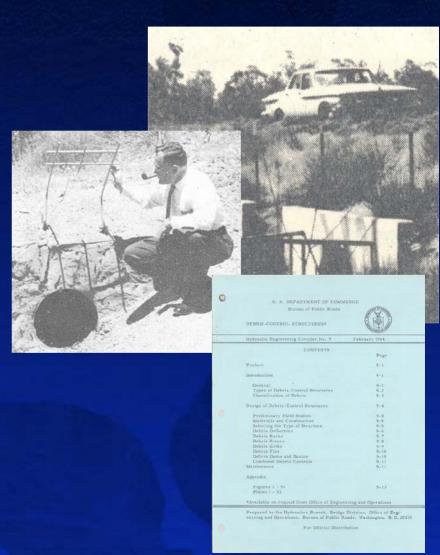


HEC-9, 2nd Edition

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Why Update HEC-9?

- Circa 1971 (1964)
- Include Bridges
- Design Procedures
- Example Problems
- New Devices
- New Research



New Devices



New Research

- Chang & Shen, 1979, "Debris Problems in the River Environment", FHWA-RD-79-62, USDOT, FHWA
- Diehl, 1997, "Potential Drift Accumulation at Bridges", FHWA-RD-97-28, USDOT, FHWA
- Parola, 2000, "Debris Forces on Highway Bridges", NCHRP 445, NCHRP
- Wallerstein, Thorne, & Abt, 1997, "Debris Control at Hydraulic Structures in Selected Areas of the United States and Europe", USACOE, WES

Major HEC-9 Topics

- The "debris problem"
 - Classification of debris
 - Flow behavior of debris
 - Increased scour, hydraulic loading
- Estimating debris quantities
 - Estimate volume/size
 - Potential for delivery/accumulation
 - Factors affecting debris production

Major HEC-9 Topics (cont.)

- Analyzing/modeling structural impacts
 - Bridge hydraulics principles
 - Modeling debris in HEC-RAS
 - Computing scour, hydraulic loading
- Countermeasures
 - For culverts: racks, risers, fins, etc.
 - For bridges: deflectors, basins, booms, etc.
 - Structural vs. non-structural

Major HEC-9 Topics (cont.)

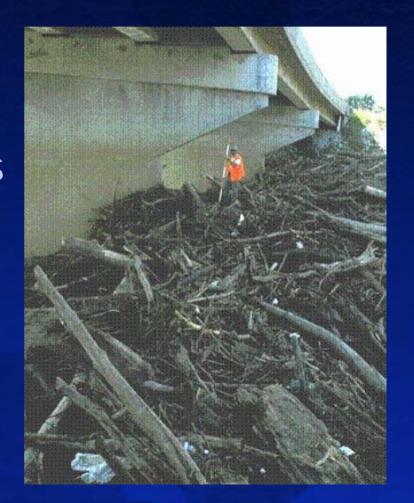
- Design procedures
 - Field investigations
 - Countermeasure selection matrix
 - Bridges vs. culverts, proposed vs. existing
 - Guidelines: function, storage area, materials, location, dimensions, details

Maintenance

- Inspections, cleaning, debris removal
- Maintenance plan, design for maintenance

We Need You!

- Pictures (digital/film)
- Design procedures
- Maintenance practices





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